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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006. The Office Action set a three-month response deadline, making this paper due on or before <u>August 3, 2006</u>. The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account 19-0733 accordingly for any fees owed or any overpayments made. Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested in light of the following:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 12 and 13. The sheet with Figure 12

include the renumbering of element 22 and 20 so as to correspond to similar elements depicted in

Figure 13. The sheet with amended figure 13 provides a clearer view of element 22.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets